

The **HERALD**

April 2024

PASTOR'S PONDERING FOR APRIL 2024

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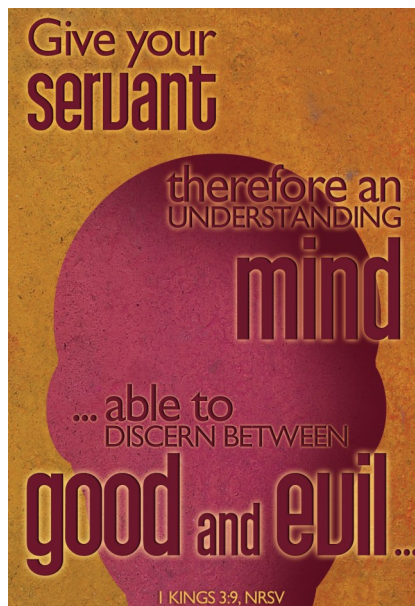
Greetings to all my brother and sister saints. We have celebrated our last Easter together. Graduations are around the corner and Memorial Day will be here before you know it. That also means my time with you is coming rapidly to an end. This fact brings me to this month's pondering.

When I started the candidate process with the U. M. Conference, twenty-seven years ago, they required me to identify a "Life Verse." That meant one scripture verse that generally guided you at all times. (I thought it was odd, but whatever.) So, some of you know that my aunt had been a missionary in free China for thirty-six years. (When she started in the fifties, she would board a freighter from New York harbor, sail down the east coast, then through the Panama Canal, cross the Pacific Ocean to live in Taiwan, where she would stay for **five years** before coming home. Ladies, imagine being in your twenties and packing five years' worth of everything you would need. I was quite impressed with her, so I picked her favorite verse as my life verse. Her King James Bible highlights Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee withersoever thou goest."



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I kept that verse as a pastor until one day I came across the passage in 1st Kings when God offers Solomon anything he wants. Solomon asks for "a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong." I thought, well God, I certainly could use that, and so it became my "Life verse".

Well, now I am fully retiring. There won't be any people for me to even pretend that I'm governing. I had been praying about this and remembering the Joshua command about being courageous. I had just shared that issue with Barbara that morning, and in my prayer book that very

morning, this was the prayer by John S. Hoyland:

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE - NEW TIMES!!

SUNDAY:

- ◆ FROG Café Fellowship Time - 9:15 am
- ◆ Prayer in the Chapel - 9:45 am (except April 14 & 21)
- ◆ Worship Service - 10:00 am
(Live in the Sanctuary; also Livestreamed and recorded - see website)
- ◆ Sunday School - 11:15 am to 12:00 noon

TUESDAY:

- ◆ Bible Study - 6:30 pm
- ◆ Senior High & Beyond Youth Group - 6:45 pm

WEDNESDAY:

- ◆ Bell Choir practice - 6:30 pm (no practice April 3 & 10)
- ◆ Choir practice - 7:15 pm (6:30 pm April 3, no practice April 10)

DATES AHEAD

- MAY 12: Mother's Day
- MAY 19: Pentecost
- JUNE 2: Picnic / Outdoor Worship Service

BOARD OF TRUSTEES "TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH"

During the month of April, if you notice something that should be taken care of by the trustees, please contact Wayne Kauffman at 717-940-3259. Thank you Russ Miceli for your faithful service in March!

The Trustees are asking for assistance with weeding the flower beds around the Church property. Mulch, Preen and other weed sprays will be purchased and applied by the Trustees. If you see an area that could use some TLC just come out and weed whenever you can - as often as you can! Thank you!



Thank you for all the prayers from my church family during my recent hospitalization. I so much appreciated the visit with Doug and Hazel Hackey. Thanks to the Caring Hands and Hearts for the beautiful flowers.

Peggy Lahr

CARING HANDS & HEARTS CORNER

Hands that Serve – Hearts that Care

CLOTHING AND BLANKET DRIVE

Caring Hands & Hearts will be holding a clothing and blanket drive to support the humanitarian aid of Unto. We will be accepting new and gently used clothing and blankets on **Friday, April 12th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm and Saturday, April 13th from 9:00 to 11:00 am.**



Following are specific requirements for the new and gently used clothing and blankets that Unto accepts to provide to impoverished countries around the world in the name of Jesus.

Blankets: New or like new baby or twin size blankets preferred.

Clothing: New or gently used men, women and children's clothing, jackets, coats, gloves, hats, and scarves.

Adult sizes no larger than XL

No wool in the fabric

No clothes with religious or patriotic wording or graphics

No clothes with stains or tears

If you are interested in learning more about Unto, check out their website at www.unto.com

Fellowship Team Bowling Fun and Fellowship

Bring your kids, grandkids, or a neighbor and join your church family in a fun afternoon of bowling at Clearview Lanes **on Sunday, April 21st at 2:30 pm.** If bowling isn't your thing, just come for a time of fun and fellowship with your church family.



Sunday, April 21st.

Clearview Lanes offers a special on Sundays and any coupons you might have can be used in addition to the special pricing.

Contact Sue Kopp (717-471-6022) to reserve you or your family's spot on a lane or complete a tear sheet that can be found in Sunday's bulletin before

IGNITE - YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Meet our young adult Sunday school class called IGNITE. We have grown to a group of around 20 now since this group started taking root in the fall of 2022. Our age range is from age 18 to "born in the 80s". We are all on many different walks of life, but share a common bond that we want to seek Jesus for who he really is. Sadly, many of us also have the common bond that our view of Jesus in the past

IGNITE



has been twisted, tainted, wrong and even hurtful. A lot of us grew up in Christian homes that were confusing to say the least of what it actually means to be a Christian. Most of us have been hurt by

Churches, Pastors, Christian parents and friends, yet we have come to a place in our life where we want answers to the tough questions we have. We have realized we cannot do life on our own. It is just too plain hard. You could probably even say a few of us started out more on the progressive side of Christianity, slowly realizing the ideas of what we thought the truth was, were actually not Biblical. But because of not having a safe space to ask these tough theological questions growing up (without getting scolded), we let the world answer the questions for us. Over time the world could not fill that void for truth and belonging and love that we all truly want. Only a relationship with our awesome heavenly father Jesus can do that! Praise God, we are all learning together how we can be closer to him and more like him every Sunday that we meet. What I love about this group is "you can sit with us" we will take you in, show you we care, let you ask your crazy questions or share your off the wall views, and we will go to God's word every time for the answers. We will cry and laugh together, share tough things and joyful moments, and let Jesus' love shine through us as we meet new members where they are at with the truth in love. We are IGNITE.

From the Children & Youth Director

There will be a brief meeting for this year's VBS on May 19 immediately after the worship service. We're looking for volunteers for this community outreach. If you can help, but can't make it to the meeting on the 19th, please contact Jess Rockey.

The Benefits of Prayer

For some people, prayer is simply a religious ritual. However, prayer can be much more than that – it's a way to get closer to God and improve our relationship with Him. Here are some benefits you'll receive through praying:

Brings Us Closer to God

Frequent communication brings you closer to other people. In a similar vein, praying frequently brings you closer to God. God is always listening to your prayers and will answer them in His own way.

Guides Us

When we're lost and don't know what to do, we can always pray to God for guidance. Scripture states: *"Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long."* (Psalm 25:4-5).

Keeps Us From Temptation

We can't resist temptation alone, so we need God's help to keep us from succumbing to it. In Matthew 26:41, Jesus says: *"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."*

Helps Us Accept God's Will

God always has a plan for us, but sometimes it can be challenging to understand. Praying helps us understand His will and accept it because His plans are always for our own good. As written in the Bible: *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'* (Jeremiah 29:11).

Let Us Show Gratitude

It can be challenging to stay thankful when we're dealing with difficult things. Praying helps us focus on the good things God gave us instead of the bad. If you don't know how to be thankful through prayer, the Book of Psalms has many verses about gratitude to inspire you, like Psalm 118:1: *"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."*



Source: <https://get.tithe.ly/blog/7-bible-verses-about-the-power-of-prayer>

From Mark Rorabaugh, Lay Leader

A Message of Encouragement to the People of Glossbrenner by Mark Rorabaugh

• We have seen so many positive things happening at Glossbrenner in the past few years. Two youth groups meet during the week. Over 30 children and youth participated in the Holy Thursday Celebration. We have three adult Sunday school classes where individuals are studying the Bible and becoming stronger disciples of Christ. We have an awesome music program that includes a Choir, a Bell Choir, and a Praise Band. We have opened our church to the community with events such as VBS, Fall Fest, Yard Sale, and Country Fair & Market. We are keeping the main thing, the main thing as we have been wandering in this Wilderness period together. We are now in a time of discernment and planning for Glossbrenner's future. Our hope is to be able to put together a vision and mission for Glossbrenner that we can put into action.

• The Mount Joy Community's Perspective of our church will fit into one of three categories:

Negative: The neighborhood knows who you are and would rather you not be there.

Neutral: The neighborhood does not know you or has no opinion about you.

Positive: The neighborhood knows who you are and is grateful to have you in the community.

• What impact can we make in the Mount Joy community? We will have several opportunities for the congregation to get involved in this planning phase.

Starting on April 14, we will start having monthly Tri-Church meet and greet sessions to continue the dialogue and make connections with members of Glossbrenner, Chiques, and Milton Grove that was started at the February 25th gathering. These meetings will be on Sunday from 3:00-4:00 at the Wallick-O'Connor House across from the Post Office. All will be welcome to attend these meetings. Please put this on your calendar and plan to participate.

There will be a Congregational Potluck Dinner on Saturday, April 27. Not only will there be delicious food, but everyone will be given an opportunity to have a voice as we continue in planning a mission and vision for our church. We want to have something in place for when Pastor Heather joins us so we can start implementing those plans. There will also be activities for the children. So come one, come all.

Remember that on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month there is a Prayer Session that meets in the Chapel at 11:00 AM. It is a very powerful and uplifting time for individuals to open their hearts concerning family, friends, the church, our community, and our nation. If you are available during that time of the day, please consider joining the group. *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

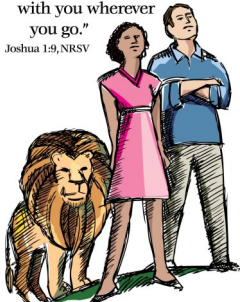
(Philippians 4:6-7)

• In our catechism class, we discussed that the purpose of our existence is to "love God and to enjoy him forever." We are the bearers of the image of God in the world. That means Glossbrenner needs to be a search-and-rescue ship, not a cruise ship. We need to remember that we are responsible to make disciples that worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly. Please continue to pray for our church, our community, and our nation. So many prayers have been answered, but as Paul said in Ephesians, "be alert and always keep on praying for the Lord's people." My basketball coach at Messiah College, Mike Shaker, had a saying that has always had a big impact on me. "If it's to BE, it's up to WE, through Christ in ME." With God's help, we can do this!!

• In the meantime, please continue to support Glossbrenner with your attendance, your tithes and offerings, and your prayers.

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"Be **strong** and **courageous**... for the **LORD** your God is with you wherever you go."
Joshua 19, NRSV



"Lord of life and death, we thank Thee for the great adventure of life, with its untold possibilities, its incalculable chances, its mighty opportunities. We thank Thee that - if we have thee with us - there is no monotony or weariness in the world; but we go on - forever exploring and adventuring, across new seas where ship has never sailed before; through trackless forests where human foot has never trodden. We thank Thee that for those who dwell with Thee, each day opens new a continent of vivid experience, each day shows new a world to conquer; for Thy love is new every morning, and life with Thee is daily born again from its beginning. Amen."

Wow. Talk about an affirmation! Barbara and I intend to become a part of the new movement as soon as my time at Glossbrenner is completed. Perhaps some day you will join us. We hope to sail in uncharted waters, explore new seas, landing on new shores. So, my friends, as the NIV puts it: *"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid. Do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."* In His service - Pastor Brian



APRIL Birthdays

Homebound/In Rehabilitation

The following is a list of the homebound members - or those living in retirement communities - of our church. A card, phone call, or visit would probably be appreciated very much by these people who are unable to attend worship services on Sunday mornings.

- * 1 Tami da Silva
- * 3 Jennifer Shawley
- * Gracin Smith
- * 4 David Cole
- * 5 Wayne Kauffman
- * Brooke Kreisler
- * Scott Myers
- * Davon Whitcraft
- * 6 Ron Blechinger
- * 7 Hazel Hackley
- * Susan Mooney
- * 8 Stephanie Kalbach
- * Patty Jo McKee-Stone
- * Mary Jane Reed
- * 9 Mindi Marks
- * 10 Nettie Gerber
- * 11 Holly Kreisler
- * 12 Dave Eichler
- * Judy Turbedsky
- * 13 Frances Barr
- * 14 Ben Kamide
- * Jody O'Neal
- * 15 JR McClellan
- * Zachery Nissley
- * Danteé Whitcraft
- * 18 Steph Smith
- * 19 Dalton Garrett
- * 20 Marcia Brandt
- * 21 Ken Gruber
- * Greg Kline
- * Tim McKain
- * Owen Retallack
- * 22 Cassie Evans
- * 23 Carol Hostetter
- * 25 Dave Kopp
- * 26 Harold Buller, Jr.
- * 28 MaryAnn Miller
- * Matthew Sharp
- * 29 Brian Albert
- * 30 Leslie Alleman

Joyce Baker
414 Trout Run
Mennonite Home Communities
1520 Harrisburg Pike
Lancaster, PA 17601
(Phone: 717-490-8466)

Irene Dennis
c/o Sandy Waltz
2148 Sheri Lane
Mount Joy, PA 17552
(Irene is a resident at Hamilton Arms,
Lancaster, PA)

Karen Elslager
1734 Schwanger Road
Mount Joy, PA 17552
(Phone: 717-575-4376)

Frank Geib
Brethren Village - Room 243
3001 Lititz Pike
Lititz, PA 17543

June Hostetter
2692 Roosevelt 2
600 Freemason Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022
(Phone: 717-361-5479)

MaryAnn Miller
Ephrata Manor - Room 131B
99 Bethany Road
Ephrata, PA 17522

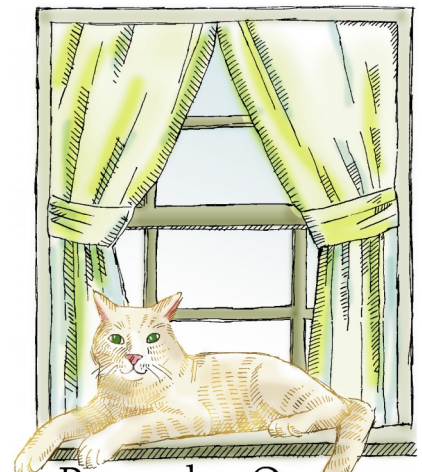
Gerald Ney
415 Trout Run
Mennonite Home Communities
1520 Harrisburg Pike
Lancaster, PA 17601

Mary "Betty" Ober
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914 West Market Street
York, PA 17401
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Judy Orey
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(Phone: 717-653-5051)

Romaine Showalter
Oak Leaf Manor North - Room B8
2901 Harrisburg Pike
Landisville, PA 17538
(Phone: 717-898-2026)

Vivian Yingst
Emerald Rehab
320 South Market Street
Elizabethtown, PA 17022
(Phone: 717-962-0097)



Remember Our Homebound

APRIL WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

MONTH OF APRIL

SOUND, LIGHT & MEDIA TECHS:

Barbara Albert
Dave Eichler
Mark Myers
Andy Ober
Chad Ober
Ken Ober

MONEY COUNTERS:

Mindi Marks
Jackie Roberts
Dave Whitcraft

HEAD USHER:

Dick Ryder

APRIL 7 - 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER HOLY COMMUNION - HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

ACOLYTES:

Caige Cole
Danteé Whitcraft

GREETERS:

Bonnie Engle
Molly Hart

LITURGIST:

Mark Rorabaugh

NURSERY:

Connie Bear
Chad Ober

OUTSIDE GREETERS:

Joe Davis
Wayne Kauffman

USHERS:

Ron Blechinger
Mike Doughton
Molly Hart
Russ Miceli
Don Musser
Mark Myers
Debbie Nissley
Vaughn Nissley
Bruce Stone
Patty McKee-Stone
Bob Waters

APRIL 14 - 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER PRAISE BAND - FOOD BANK SUNDAY

ACOLYTE:

Briella Hoffman

GREETERS:

Betty Gebhart
Fern Ney

NURSERY:

Thelma Kreiser-Hartman
Heather Sangrey

OUTSIDE GREETERS:

Joe Davis
Dave Kopp

USHERS:

Joe Davis
Linda Gockley
Greg Kline
Kathy Kline

APRIL 21 - 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER PRAISE BAND - JOYFUL NOISE

ACOLYTE:

Jonathan Miller

GREETERS:

Bill & Judy Baker

NURSERY:

Cassie Evans
Holly Kreisler

OUTSIDE GREETERS:

Joe Davis
Don Musser

USHERS:

Bill Baker
Judy Baker
Dave Kopp
Scott Sangrey

APRIL 28 - 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACOLYTE:

Iris Rockey

GREETERS:

Barb & Dick Thompson

LITURGIST:

Bob Waters

NURSERY:

Connie Bear
Tami da Silva

OUTSIDE GREETERS:

Joe Davis
Mike Doughton

USHERS:

Andy Ober
Lisa Ober
Barb Thompson
Dick Thompson

For surely
I KNOW THE
plans
I have for
YOU,
says the
Lord...
TO GIVE YOU A
future
WITH
Hope.
Jeremiah 29:11, NRSV

APRIL 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30 pm 2030 Group	2 6:30 pm Bible Study 6:45 pm Sr. High & Beyond Youth Group	3 10:00 am Fellowship Team meeting No Bell Choir practice 6:30 pm Choir practice	4 6:00 pm SPRC meeting 7:00-8:15 pm Youngins 6th-9th grade Youth Group	5	6
7 HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION 9:15 am FROG Café 9:45 am Prayer in Chapel 10:00 am Worship Service; Live, Livestreamed & Recorded (see Website) 11:15 am Sunday School	8 6:30 pm Caring Hands & Hearts meeting	9 11:00 am Prayer Group 6:30 pm Bible Study 6:45 pm Sr. High & Beyond Youth Group 7:00 pm Board of Trustees meeting	10 No Bell Choir practice No Choir practice	11 6:00 pm Praise Band practice 7:00 pm Administrative Board meeting	12	13
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WITNESS BOLDLY*

